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The People's party in Arkansas was pulled to soon.

John L. Sullivan is now called the great ex-pounder.

If the Choctaws are capable of self-government the fact should assert itself now.

It is said that Judge Joe L. Ward will be a candidate for the senate next summer.

The Telephone thinks that the Chieftain isn't "in it" when it comes to the Kansas City cattle markets. A great joker that Telephone.

It now transpires that Col. Wm. A. Phillips was really in the employ of the cattlemen on the Strip, when employed by our delegation as attorney for the Cherokee nation.

When Col. Hugh A. Dinsmore takes his seat in congress from the 5th Arkansas district, it is safe to say the Choctaws will have at least one very able and active friend in the lower house.

The man whose chief stock in trade consists in doubt and denial of revealed religion is certainly to be pitied. Somehow the church walls have not yet toppled before the blast of the ram's horn, and may be, in the fullness of time, he will learn that religion is anchored to something stronger than a "various student."

While there is great cause for rejoicing at the prohibition of beer in the Indian Territory, we rise to question the policy of permitting the undisturbed traffic in "Janacina Ginger" (so called) an unquestionable intoxicant now being sold and drunk at this place daily, and to almost as great an extent as any time previous, but of course, with only greater caution.—Telephone.

GEN. MILES has made a report to the war department on the condition of affairs in the Cherokee Strip, from which he was instructed to remove all cattle, in which he states that all cattle would be removed by to-day (15th). About 5,000 head are rounded up at Ft. Supply to be shipped out as soon as cars can be had. He recommends that several troops of cavalry be stationed on the Strip, with instructions to remove all cattle and invaders as soon as they make their appearance.

This conflict that is now raging in the Choctaw country necessarily excites the sympathy and arouses the apprehensions of the adjacent tribes. Aside from the atrocity of the occurrence, which is to be deplored wherever it might occur, it has a deeper meaning and concerns the five tribes more directly than others. Such uprisings in the Indian country always affect our stability and autonomy as a distinct nation of people, separate and distinct from the United States. If it becomes necessary to call upon the United States for help, it only emphasizes the position our neighbors on the outside are taking that we are not able to maintain our nationality independent of the general government. Whatever may be the facts in the case it will be considered another nail in the coffin of defunct Indian nationalities.

### THE CHOCTAW WAR.

There is a good prospect of a bloody war between the Jones and Jackson parties in the Choctaw nation. They held their election the first Monday in August and both parties have claimed the governorship and each party has expressed a determination to seat their man at all hazards. Saturday evening about twenty-five armed Jackson men surrounded the home of Joe Hocklitt, a full-blood Choctaw, one mile south of Hartsboro, and calling him out riddled him with bullets. They then proceeded to the homes of Elias Colbert, Robertson Nelson and Frank Frazier, all of whom they shot down. The whole country is said to be in arms and a bloody war is imminent. Gov. Jones has called out the "light horse" brigade but they are not strong enough to cope with the armed foe that from reports is securing the country.

### THE INTRUDERS.

The outlook at present is that the intruder question will be settled in some way whenever the Strip passes from our hands. It has been well said that "Nothing is ever settled until it is settled right," this being the case would it not be advisable for the Cherokee nation to insist upon an early and final settlement of this great question? It is also probably true that the United States will take part in the ultimate disposition of

this matter, and this being the case, it is important that we get a fair and speedy means of settlement. All who can prove that they are entitled to citizenship should be admitted promptly, but all those who fail to do so should not be compromised on any terms. The intruders, proper, have no just claim here and are not entitled to one cent. It is safe also to say that every man who is an intruder knows it, and is contending for something to which he knows he has no right.

### EMPHATICALLY OPPOSED TO ALLOTMENT.

Be it Remembered, by the National Party in convention assembled and in expressing the gratitude for the many blessings we enjoy. Yet we have much to cause our sorrow when we call to memory and take into consideration the loss, "by divine wisdom," of the many departed statesmen; the Cherokee nation, and counselors to the party, we mean, otherwise we have much to rejoice for, when we consider the fact that we still exist and maintain an independent nationality, and by the methods of holding our lands in commonality, each citizen of the Cherokee nation can boast of the fact that he has an unencumbered home that he can call his own, "a blessing to any man."

Therefore, the National Party pledges itself to be emphatically opposed to the allotment of our lands, believing that such a change would work a detriment to a large majority of the Cherokee people.

The above resolution leaves no doubts in the minds of the people of the Cherokee nation as to the policy that would be pursued by the National party should they ever come into power. There is no doubt as to the sincerity of those who favored the resolution, but the reflecting portion of our citizens fail to see how it will be possible to continue to hold lands in common very many years longer. The increase of the claimants to citizenship is indeed amazing and will continue so long as the land is held in common. The resolution says, "Each citizen of the Cherokee nation can boast of the fact that he has an unencumbered home that he can call his own."

### THE INEVITABLE ISSUE.

From Cherokee Advocate.

EDITOR CHEROKEE ADVOCATE:—With the lack of foresight characteristic of the Indian race, our fathers decided that the lands of the Cherokee nation should be held as common property. Unquestionably they acted from the purest motives, and that which time has proved to be a curse they doubtless fondly believed to be a blessing. Generous, honest and patriotic themselves, it never occurred to their unutilized minds that any one of their posterity would ever degenerate into a vile, avaricious wretch, who would willingly sacrifice honor, soul and country for self-aggrandizement. Our fathers blundered; but their mistake was of the head and not of the heart, and we cannot justly cast a word of censure or reproach on their memories; yet their unfortunate decision laid the very foundation upon which are built the chief calamities that now beset and threaten to overwhelm our commonwealth with disaster and ruin. Under this communistic system have been generated and nourished swarms of vampires and bloodsuckers, who have secretly absorbed, or openly devoured our substance until but little remains of our original heritage. Fifty years ago what would have been comparatively an easy task, the division of our lands in severalty, has become by our procrastination an intricate problem—a problem that becomes more and more complicated each day we delay its solution, and as Mr. Wm. P. Boudinot has wisely remarked, "something must be done now, in order to prevent the evil from becoming worse or fatal."

The temper of the nation resembles that of a man who has long suffered from a dangerous malady, which has inhibited his existence, but has at length made up his mind to submit to the surgeon's knife. He is apprised that the operation will be a painful one; he is fully aware that he will be somewhat disfigured but he knows that for him to enjoy life with any degree of pleasure it is absolutely necessary, and that it is a waste of time to delay its execution. The manner in which our estate has been squandered is well calculated to strike the observant and reflecting mind with disgust and alarm. We admit that it will be difficult and perplexing, if not impossible to make an equitable division of our lands, but justly or unjustly it must be apportioned, and that at no distant day. It is the irrepressible issue, and like Banquo's ghost, it will not wait at our bidding. It is as inevitable as fate, and the man who attempts to delude the people into the belief that they will continue for all time to hold their lands in common, you may safely write down as either an ass or a knave. If this old patriarchal system of holding land is intrinsically perfect, why have no other nations who are centuries in advance of us in enlightenment, been eager and clamorous for its adoption? Who are in error, we or the world? Evidently we occupy the same

ground that the soldier did who claimed that the regiment was out of step, not he. Our people—the monopolists—who, blinded by selfishness and utterly reckless of the public welfare, will contend to the last that ours is a model government; even if proof to the contrary was piled up as high as Mount Everest; and who will bitterly denounce all efforts to check their rapacity as contemptuous, if not traitorous. This is the class who strenuously object to any discussion, or a truthful delineation of our national affairs. Unlike Oliver Cromwell, who said: "Do not leave out the scars and wrinkles on my face, but paint me just as I am," they are fond of depicting the Cherokee nation as a beautiful smiling maiden, despite the efforts of the discerning few who vainly strive to point out that her countenance is full of gloom and her brow replete with scars and corrugations.

WM. H. DAVIS.

### Dopey to Indian Students.

Chauncey M. Dopey was down at the Hampton institute some months ago and after an introduction to the students, said:

"We found the Indian in possession of the soil and took it away from him. We have abused him in every possible way that an intelligent could abuse a wild people, by sending agents to rob and soldiers to shoot them. The two processes have been going on ever since Captain Miles Standish inaugurated the gospel of the shotgun. You students at Hampton have more to be proud of than have the graduates of Yale, Harvard, Princeton or any of the great colleges. When you have received your diplomas you know you have made something for yourselves—struck something out of nothing. Then you must go out into the world determined that what you have done for yourselves you will do your best to do for your people. You must teach them to own their homes and farms and to become good workmen and so lift the life of the race. This grand republic has made you free citizens and it is the best land in which any man or woman ever lived—the best land in which any man or woman can ever live or die."

An Illinois syndicate has purchased 500 acres of land near Winfield for an apple "ranch." The work of surveying and setting out this mammoth apple orchard will be commenced at once. The main mover in the scheme is a gentleman who has a life-long experience in the fruit business. Cowley county is included in the apple belt and it is strange that farmers in this section do not pay more attention to this industry. Real estate men tell us that among the first questions asked by prospective buyers of farm property is in regard to the extent of the fruit orchards. One reason why the matter is neglected is that apples bring no immediate return, and too many are loth to make investments for the future. Nothing increases the value of a farm like an abundance of fruit trees well cared for.—Ex.

The white men of this country who wish to keep the lands of the nation as grazing grounds for "our Indians," really dislike to hear of advance or progress there. Such news as this will hurt them. At Davis, sixteen miles below Atoka, a mob of 113 members was organized to send delegates to the McAlester convention to work for statehood and allotment, and this is only one of the little clubs, mark you.—Ok Gazette.

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### WARNING ORDER.

In the U. S. Commissioner's Court at Vinita, in the First Judicial Division of the Indian Territory.  
C. S. Moore, Plaintiff, vs. J. S. Martin, Defendant.  
The defendant, J. S. Martin, is warned to appear in this Court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, C. S. Moore. Who are the heirs of J. S. Martin.  
Vinita, I. T., Aug. 20, 1922.

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F. M. Crowell, Plaintiff, vs. James S. Martin, Defendant.  
The defendant, James S. Martin, is warned to appear in this Court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, F. M. Crowell. Who are the heirs of J. S. Martin.  
Vinita, Aug. 15, 1922.

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